

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME**

**Call to Order:** Chair John Brenden, on February 17, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422  
Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. John Brenden, Chair (R)  
Sen. Rick Ripley, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Tom Facey (D)  
Sen. Jennifer Fielder (R)  
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D) (arrived after roll call)  
Sen. Jedediah Hinkle (R)  
Sen. Cary Smith (R) (arrived after roll call)  
Sen. Chas Vincent (R) (arrived after roll call)  
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Mike Phillips (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Julie Emge, Committee Secretary  
Hope Stockwell, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 309, 2/12/2015; SB 295, 2/12/2015

Executive Action: SB 284: Do Pass  
HB 250: Be Concurred In (carried by Sen. Ripley)  
SB 245: Do Pass  
HB 212: Be Concurred In (carried by Sen. Fielder)

**HEARING ON SB 309**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:26 Sen. Jedediah Hinkle (R), SD 32, opened the hearing on SB 309, Revise laws to incentivize access to isolated state and federal lands.

[EXHIBIT\(fis36a01\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:09:00 Joe Perry, Montana Sportsmen's Alliance

[EXHIBIT\(fis36a02\)](#)

00:09:52 Paul Sihler, chief of operations, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(fis36a03\)](#)

00:11:07 Gary Marbut, president, Montana Shooting Sports Association (MSSA)

00:11:40 Chuck Denowh, United Property Owners of Montana (UPOM) and Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)

00:13:06 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

00:13:46 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

00:14:36 Mark Aagenes, conservation director, Montana Trout Unlimited (TU)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:15:23 Sen. Vincent

00:21:23 Sen. Hinkle

00:21:47 Sen. Ripley

00:25:23 Alan Charles, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

00:25:30 Sen. Facey

00:25:47 Sen. Hinkle

00:26:48 Sen. Fielder

00:27:52 Sen. Hinkle

00:28:27 Sen. Fielder

00:28:47 Mr. Denowh, UPOM

00:29:25 Sen. Ripley

00:32:22 Sen. Hinkle

00:32:42 Sen. Ripley

00:32:59 Mr. Charles, FWP

00:33:17 Sen. Vincent

00:33:57 Mr. Golie, MWF

00:34:10 Sen. Vincent

00:38:06 Sen. Hinkle

00:38:29 Sen. Hamlett

00:39:16 Sen. Hinkle

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:39:48 Sen. Hinkle

**HEARING ON SB 295**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:42:28 Sen. Mark Blasdel (R), SD 4, opened the hearing on SB 295, Revise laws regarding sound suppressors for hunting.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:45:25 Gary Marbut, president, Montana Shooting Sports Association (MSSA)

00:50:20 Todd Rathner, National Firearms Act Freedom Alliance (NFAFA)

00:54:06 Doug Nulle, self

00:55:14 EJ Redding, self

00:56:36 Rick LePage, self

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:58:32 George Golie, Montana Game Wardens Association (MGWA) and Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

01:00:56 Mike Korn, deputy chief law enforcement, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

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01:05:03 Joe Perry, Montana Sportsmen's Alliance (MSA)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:05:45 Sen. Vincent

01:09:08 Mr. Korn, FWP

01:11:05 Sen. Vincent

01:11:16 Sen. Ripley

01:13:43 Mr. Korn

01:13:59 Sen. Hamlett

01:14:24 Mr. Korn

01:15:06 Sen. Facey

01:15:11 Mr. Korn

01:15:26 Chair Brenden

01:15:39 Mr. Rathner, NFAFA

01:16:13 Chair Brenden

01:18:02 Mr. Korn

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:18:13 Sen. Blasdel

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 284**

01:21:50 **Motion:** Sen. Brenden moved that **SB 284 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

01:21:58 Sen. Hamlett  
01:22:25 Chair Brenden  
01:22:34 Sen. Vincent  
01:22:42 Chair Brenden

01:22:58 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-1 by roll call vote with Sen. Facey voting no. Sen. Phillips was excused.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 250**

01:23:48 **Motion:** Sen. Ripley moved that **HB 250 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

01:23:57 Hope Stockwell, research analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
01:25:09 Sen. Ripley

01:25:30 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-0 by roll call vote. Sen. Phillips was excused. Sen. Ripley will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 245**

01:26:38 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Vincent moved that **SB 245 DO PASS.** Motion carried 7-2 by roll call vote with Sen. Facey and Sen. Vuckovich voting no. Sen. Phillips was excused. (Sen. Phillips indicated he did not want his proxy voted)

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 212**

01:28:06 **Motion:** Sen. Fielder moved that **HB 212 BE CONCURRED IN.**  
**EXHIBIT(fis36a05)**

**Discussion:**

01:28:28 Sen. Vincent  
01:28:58 Sen. Facey  
01:30:15 Sen. Fielder  
01:31:37 Sen. Hinkle  
01:32:16 Sen. Smith  
01:32:57 Sen. Hamlett  
01:33:12 Chair Brenden  
01:34:36 Sen. Fielder  
01:36:11 Chair Brenden  
01:36:38 Sen. Hamlett

01:36:56 Sen. Phillips entered the hearing.

01:37:12 Chair Brenden

01:37:20 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Facey, Sen. Phillips and Sen. Vuckovich voting no. Sen. Fielder will carry the bill.

**Committee Business:**

01:38:08 Chair Brenden

01:38:34 Sen. Vincent

01:38:55 Sen. Facey

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:42 pm

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Julie Emge, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([fis36aad.pdf](#))